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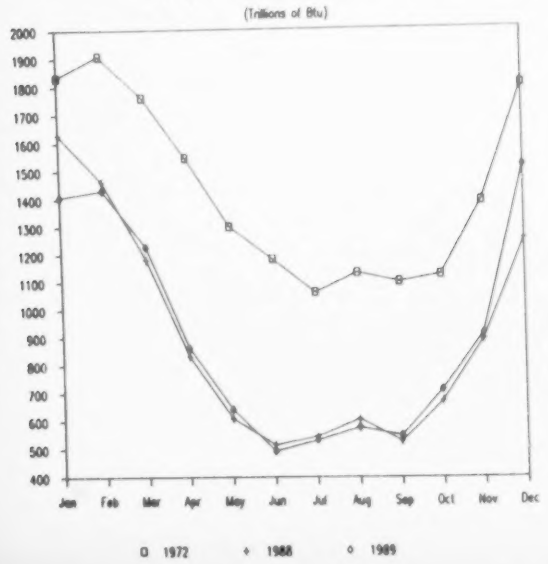
Residential, commercial, industrial and electric generation sales increased in December 1989 compared with last year. Total utility sales were up from 1,242.5 trillion Btu in December 1988 to 1,503.7 trillion Btu in December 1989. Transportation volumes to end users were up 11.4 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

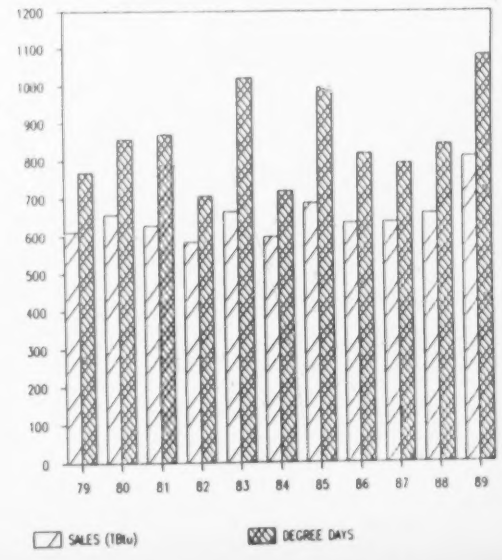
	December			Heating Season (Nov.-Dec.)		January 1 to December 31		
	1989	1988	%Change[1]	1989	(% Change) Last Period	1989 Forecast[2]	1988	% Change
Residential	812.1	660.3	+ 23.0	1,215.3	+ 15.2	4,810.1	4,691.8	+ 2.5
Commercial	362.1	298.8	+ 21.2	557.9	+ 12.6	2,308.9	2,303.5	+ 0.2
Industrial*	235.6	213.4	+ 10.4	426.1	+ 2.2	2,094.0	2,204.2	- 5.0
Elec. Gen.*	67.8	50.6	+ 34.1	166.5	+ 34.4	1,431.3	1,331.0	+ 7.5
Other	26.1	19.4	-	45.9	-	175.7	160.2	-
Total Sales	1,503.7	1,242.5	+ 21.0	2,411.7	+ 13.2	10,820.0	10,690.7	+ 1.2
Transportation*	461.6	414.3	+ 11.4	910.4	+ 18.6	4,985.5	4,224.7	+18.0
Total Volumes	1,965.3	1,656.8	+ 18.6	3,322.1	+ 14.6	15,805.5	14,915.4	+ 6.0**
Degree Days***	1,081	845	+ 27.9	1,640	+ 20.5			

*Significant sales volumes have been displaced by transportation volumes.
**No direct comparison with EIA consumption figures should be made.
***Source: NOAA (Weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for December is 859).

TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



DECEMBER RESIDENTIAL GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - DECEMBER

(Thousands of Units)

		1989	1988	% Change '88 vs. '89
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	193.5	196.7	- 1.6
	- Electric	242.2	261.8	- 7.5
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	88.4	86.3	+ 2.4
	- Electric	273.0	276.6	- 1.3
Water Heaters	- Gas	398.2	382.7	+ 4.0
	- Electric	304.6	306.1	- 0.5
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	164.6	177.6	- 7.3
	- Electric	20.2	19.5	+ 3.6
	- Oil	13.8	17.6	- 21.8
Boilers	- Gas	17.7	18.9	- 6.5
	- Electric	N/A	0.1	N/A
	- Oil	9.7	12.0	- 19.0

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA). Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

(December 1989)

Receipt Point	Price ($/MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$2.97
Southeast	$2.48
Midwest	$2.52
Southwest	$2.24
West	$2.65
Total	$2.58

Source: American Gas Association

[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - DECEMBER

	1989	1988	% Change '88 vs '89
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	73.3	94.2	- 22.2
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1982 - 1984 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	97.8	95.2	+ 2.7
Electricity	113.4	110.3	+ 2.8
Fuel Oil	88.7	74.2	+ 19.5

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	83.7	69.2	+ 21.0
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.18	5.13	+ 1.0
Commercial	4.84	4.71	+ 2.7
Industrial	3.17	3.10	+ 2.4
Electric Generation	3.19	3.32	- 3.8
Total	4.66	4.58	+ 1.7
Carriage Volumes[3] (Trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	461.6	414.3	+ 11.4
For Ultimate Consumers	119.5	102.7	+ 16.4
For Resale	504.3	490.6	+ 2.8
Total	1,085.4	1,007.6	+ 7.7

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.261	2.120	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	3.184	2.651	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.311	3.241	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986	Dec.	4.602	5.652	5.035	3.650	2.726	4.025
1987	Dec.	4.315	5.387	4.764	3.112	2.511	3.427
1988	Dec.	4.313	5.288	4.632	3.040	2.545	3.359
1989[P]	Jan.	4.349	5.347	4.667	3.047	2.535	3.395
	Feb.	4.375	5.406	4.698	3.037	2.496	3.448
	Mar.	4.394	5.434	4.725	3.014	2.481	3.468
	Apr.	4.400	5.449	4.724	3.002	2.479	3.481
	May	4.405	5.458	4.733	2.986	2.497	3.489
	June	4.407	5.459	4.737	2.980	2.505	3.486
	July	4.410	5.463	4.746	2.992	2.487	3.493
	Aug.	4.414	5.470	4.760	2.988	2.441	3.466
	Sep.	4.415	5.477	4.772	2.971	2.438	3.436
	Oct.	4.406	5.492	4.782	2.976	2.427	3.418
	Nov.	4.419	5.516	4.812	2.975	2.412	3.429
	Dec.	4.434	5.513	4,829	2.985	2.417	3.396

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.& Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1987	Dec.	4.38	5.01	4.65	2.98	3.17	2.54
1988	Jan.	4.38	4.90	4.56	2.99	3.28	2.36
	Feb.	4.43	4.95	4.61	3.06	3.22	2.61
	Mar.	4.48	5.06	4.65	3.14	3.34	2.59
	Apr.	4.42	5.21	4.66	2.98	3.19	2.51
	May	4.22	5.59	4.61	2.79	3.05	2.43
	June	4.16	6.35	4.71	2.73	2.87	2.56
	July	3.81	6.58	4.66	2.52	2.76	2.35
	Aug.	3.74	6.74	4.67	2.65	2.79	2.56
	Sep.	3.88	6.52	4.66	2.55	2.71	2.34
	Oct.	4.34	5.74	4.60	2.83	2.87	2.69
	Nov.	4.40	5.36	4.62	2.99	2.97	3.05
	Dec.	4.58	5.13	4.71	3.14	3.10	3.32
1989[P]	Jan.	4.66	5.21	4.78	3.02	3.43	2.17
	Feb.	4.62	5.30	4.81	2.79	3.14	2.08
	Mar.	4.64	5.29	4.87	2.89	3.12	2.33
	Apr.	4.49	5.39	4.64	2.85	3.03	2.47
	May	4.32	5.75	4.79	2.77	2.83	2.67
	June	4.18	6.45	4.81	2.73	2.78	2.67
	July	3.86	6.81	4.90	2.53	2.95	2.23
	Aug.	3.77	6.99	5.05	2.45	2.71	2.29
	Sep.	3.90	6.67	4.97	2.40	2.47	2.33
	Oct.	4.21	6.05	4.77	2.72	2.92	2.45
	Nov.	4.55	5.65	4.96	2.86	2.96	2.66
	Dec.	4.66	5.18	4.84	3.18	3.17	3.19

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[1]Gas volumes are based on, and the percent change is a function of, the 69 sample companies whose sales constitute about 58% of total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.

[2]1989 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1989 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (industrial only, electric generation, and transportation) is also based on available 1989 monthly data with the remaining months of 1989 heavily weighted by last years volumes with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.

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